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SUBJ: FONMIN OHIRA COMMENTS ON PRC'S CRITICIZE-LIN/CONFUCIUS
CAMPAIGN

REF: TOKYO 2381

1. PRESS REPORTED THAT IN DIET INTERPELLATIONS MARCH 7,
FONMIN OHIRA COMMENTED ON PRC'S CRITICIZE LIN/CONFUCIOUS
CAMPAIGN. IN MINISTRY'S FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT, OHIRA SAID,
QTE LE CANNOT MAKE AN ACCURATE JUDGEMENT OF WHAT THE
MOVEMENT MEANS OR WHAT ITS AIMS ARE. HOWEVER, I THINK
THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY. UNQTE.

OHIRA ALSO NOTED: (A) CAMPAIGN WAS INTERNAL PRC AFFAIR;
(B) DURING HIS VISITS LAST YEAR AND JAN. 3-6, 1974, HE
NOTICED NO CHANGE IN PRC; (C) HE DISCERNED NO CHANGE
IN PRC'S POLICY OF PARTICIPATION IN UN AND UTILIZING
UN FOR ENUNCIATING FOREIGN POLICIES; (D) OHIRA
ANTICIPATED ECONOMIC INTERCHANGE WITH OTHER
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COUNTRIES, INCLUDING JAPAN, WOULD CONTINUE.

2. PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT DURING SAME INTERPELLATIONS,
ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DEP DIRGEN NAKAE AGREED WITH
OHIRA'S REMARKS AND STATED THAT CAMPAIGN WAS AN
QTE EXTENSION OF THE GREAT CULTURAL REVOLUTION. UNQTE

3. COMMENT: AS IN REFTTEL, OHIRA'S PUBLIC REMARKS
AND PRIVATE COMMENT BY CHINA DIV OFFICIALS CONTINUE
TO TAKE CAUTIOUS, NON-ALARMIST LINE IN INTERPRETING
CRITICIZE-LIN/CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN.
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